

Studies in 1 Peter: Part Sixteen

Wed. Night Bible Study

“Strengthening The Saints” (Luke 22:31-32)

1 Peter 4:12-16

Reproached

1. **Responding to Reproach v.12-13 “*think it not...*”**
 - A. **Unenlightened Response v.12 “*think it not strange*”** (1Cor. 10:13, 1Thes. 3:1-4)
 - a. **Purpose** “*which is to try you*” (Eph. 1:11-12, Jms. 1:2-4, 2Cor. 4:17)
 - b. **Placement** “*happened unto you*” (Gen. 50:18-20, Ps. 119:71)
 - B. **Understanding Response v.13 “*But rejoice, insomuch as ye are*”** (Acts 20:23-25)
 - a. **Fellowship** “*partakers of Christ*” (Php. 3:10, Acts 5:40-42, Col. 1:24)
 - b. **Future** “*glory shall be revealed*” (Mat. 5:11-12)

2. **Rejoicing in Reproach v.14 “*If ye be reproached...happy...*”**
 - A. **What is Provided** “*resteth upon you*” (2Cor. 12:8-10, Php. 4:6-7)
 - B. **What is Perceived** “*on their part*” (Acts 18:6)
 - C. **Who is Praised** “*he is glorified*” (Ps. 50:23, 1Pet. 2:9)

3. **Reasons for Reproach v.15-16 “*you suffer as...*”**
 - A. **Vile Reasons v.15 “*none of you suffer as...*”** (1Pet. 2:20)
 - a. **Murder** “*murderer*” (Rev. 22:15)
 - b. **Malefactor** “*thief...evildoer*” (Lk. 23:32, Eph. 4:28)
 - c. **Meddler** “*busybody*” (1Tim. 5:13, 1Thes. 4:11)
 - B. **Virtuous Reasons v.16 “*not be ashamed*”** (Ps. 31:17)
 - a. **Your Fellowship with Him** “*as a Christian*” (1Pet. 3:17-18, Mk. 8:31-35)
 - b. **Your Function for Him** “*glorify God on this behalf*” (1Cor. 10:31)